

Drainage Board Meeting - Newton Co. Courthouse – April 2, 2012

The Newton County Drainage Board met on April 2, 2012 with the following persons present: Board Members – Russell Collins, Jim Pistello and Tim Drenth; County Engineer Larry Holderly, Surveyor Chris Knochel, Secretary Debra Chapman Risley, Drainage Board Attorney Dan Blaney and LeAnn Sale.

MINUTES - Jim made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 19, 2012 meeting with a second from Tim. **Motion carried and minutes were signed.**

MARY SPITLER M-15 – Landowners King Clark and Roger DeYoung were present to discuss the Mary Spitler drainage problems. Diagrams were presented by the following: County Engineer Larry Holderly, King Clark and Roger DeYoung. Various options were discussed regarding the drainage problems and tile issues. After a very lengthy discussion, **Jim made a motion to finish the project as it was originally designed and to extend the Ronnie Madison contract to October 30th.** Tim seconded the motion. **Motion carried.** Jim also made a motion for Larry Holderly to design and size the proposed retention pond and to stake it so the landowner can give his opinion at the first drainage meeting in May. Larry is also to determine the size of replacement tile to be run through the field to the outlet. Tim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS – Landowner Cliff Roberts was present to discuss the **George Ade Tile Surface Drain**. Chris explained that we are in the process of replacing tile, moving the waterway and adding 200' of grassy waterway. Cliff mentioned that the 18" tile had a cement abutment placed several years ago and that the tile outlet is underwater and invisible. The pressure is so great that it continues to blow out the tile. The tile is not overloaded due to the Coussen's re-route into the McCray-Ade watershed. Cliff suggested cleaning the tile outlet, then repairing the tile east of the cement abutment. He also explained that the current project is not staked far enough and that it needs another 200' added in order to drain effectively. Chris noted that he is trying to minimize the sediment and slow the water. After much discussion, **Jim made a motion to proceed with the project as currently designed and to then schedule a hearing to extend the regulated drain once the current project is completed.** Tim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Birch Tree Estates – Coleman Obstruction – Dan Blaney reported that Gary Coleman supposedly has a place to move his trailer and that he might be selling part of his property to the landowner to his East. Dan is to continue working on this project.

Chemical Maintenance – John Anderson of Anderson Tree Company – John was present and introduced to the drainage board. The issue at hand is the amount of liability coverage required for this project. According to our specifications the contractor must carry \$5,000,000. According to John, he carried what is required by the State of Indiana which is \$2,000,000. Whereas our requirements are above those of the state, the drainage board asked Chris to re-write the clause to match the state requirements of \$2,000,000. **The contract will be faxed to John for his signature once the modification has been completed.**

SUBDIVISION CONTROL ORDINANCE – Dan notified the board that he has been working on this ordinance and will attempt to meet with Larry and Chris this week for final review.

UTILITY ORDINANCE CONTRACT – Chris explained that he had received an invoice from Steve and Geri Howell for overseeing the TV Cable installation on SR 55. He does not have a line item from which to pay the claim. It was decided that the claim be paid from the General Drain Improvement Fund and that Chris request a line item from the council for the cutting permit ordinance. Chris notified the board that he had faxed a copy of the ordinance to the cable company so that they knew they would have to pay for our services. Deb is to send a bill to the appropriate company so that Newton County can be reimbursed for the Howell claim.

CAMBLIN REPAIR – There was much discussion over invoice #597243 received from Goffinett Excavating for work done on the Wiseman ground west of 500 W and north of 550 S. Chris stated that the first he knew of this work was when the invoice was received. There is no evidence of an assessment being placed on this particular tile drain. Based upon this information it was decided that the

invoice be returned to Steve Goffinett with a letter written by Deb stating that he is to bill the landowner since neither the Newton Co Surveyor nor the Drainage Board had approved this work to be done.

BIDS – GEORGE ADE SURFACE – Two bids were received for this project and they were as follows: Al Grube - \$16,200.00; King Bulldozing - \$11,080.00. Whereas both bids exceeded Chris' estimate by more than 10% neither bid was accepted.

ASSESSMENT HEARINGS– The board asked that assessment hearings be scheduled for the following: McCray-Ade M-4; Barton Ditch M-707; Strole Ditch M-604.

IROQUOIS RIVER ASSESSMENT - Larry asked how the towns are being assessed for the Iroquois River to which Dan responded that towns are excluded as ruled by the court in 1958.

There being no other business, Tim made a motion to adjourn with a second from Jim. Motion carried.